

2. *The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the temperature controller circumscribes the nozzle and is positioned in close proximity to an orifice of the nozzle through which the coating substance is applied.*

3. *The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the coating substance includes a polymer dissolved in a solvent and optionally a therapeutic substance added thereto.*

Please cancel Claim 4.

5. *An apparatus for applying a composition to a stent, comprising:*

*(a) an applicator for spraying a composition at the stent; and*

*(b) a temperature controller connected to the applicator for adjusting the temperature of the composition to a temperature other than ambient temperature.*

6. *The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the applicator comprises a body extending into a nozzle, such that the temperature controller is positioned in close proximity to the nozzle.*

7. *The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the applicator is an air-assisted internal or external mixing atomizer.*

8. (Amended) *The apparatus of Claim 5, additionally including a temperature modulator in communication with the temperature controller for maintaining the temperature of the composition at a constant level during an application process.*

Please cancel Claims 9-16.